

Dutton March 3-1886

Dear Mr May - I am glad to hear from
you lately & find you in the wife and doing
well. I am writing as often as I can to you
in expect and much better than I ever
thought likely, some months ago. Indeed
I have never been paid so many compliments
as a very good doctor as I am. I suppose
because I look so much better than people
think I have a right to look after all the
stories they hear of me. The remedies
which effected the cure were, a bag of beans
peeled and, change of scene, regular hours &
a rabbit's dinner. Often said I took pills
worth 12 dollars. I tell no story as the am-
bulances from them are, and so I got well. I suppose
they should be credited with much of the cure.

about anti-slavery matters I have been
working to the best of my ability although there are no
people of like judgment I have elicited
opinion that my friend Garrison, Quincy,
Mrs Chapman Gould, I am not unmoved
that any harm can be done by the entire-
class of the Americans to their anti-slavery
fathers whilst they may do good by holding
together in mutual cooperation under of
the true spirit of the former slaves.
They although no longer really slaves are
still in thousands of instances ready to do

perhaps in point of treatment than in
severity worse off than ever. I think those
who have left now have a perfect right
to do so & to leave those who remained
counsel over the colored people to do what
they can to help them live up to the
ideal because I fancy that ~~most~~ those who
called out like all the other christians
are among the stanchest & least unprincipled
convinced of the colored people & so long as
they are able to do let them do it. but to
this becoming a general offering that men
of steady habits & marked character like
Phillips, Foster & McHenry may give to those
who differs from them I don't enter into them.
On I read the Standard I think I did con-
sidered & I certainly thought that our friend
Farrar's reply to Phillips was far from what
would have liked to see. I thought I heard
Lander say kindly - Mr. S. may have had reason
for talking as he did to Phillips which do not
appear. It is to me very lamentable to see
such bitterness at the close of their labours
between such men who have acted together so
long and so nobly. - I remembered Phillips' remark
in center of the Boston convention on Tuesday
"Whitewashing speech" I spoke with him in this
then cold & weather. Some of his words
were a true expression of the feelings of the Freedmen

and the ~~honest~~ ^{honest} was apparently much more
independent than the President would be.
Opinion of a "Chiliwack" than with all the
trials of all the Freedmen. I don't know
how you regard ~~Planter~~ ^{Planter} Black. I look on
him as ~~an~~ ^{an} equal to such ~~enemies~~ ^{enemies} now as a
tenant belonging to the United States. He
seems to me to have done ~~badly~~ ^{badly} as he and
so to ~~say~~ ^{say} if all the benefits the South
gained by their victories the ~~reunited~~ ^{reunited} the
South in this ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~accusation~~ ^{accusation}. I fear the
majority of the Southern people can't be
the colored people except as their slaves
acted ~~independently~~ ^{independently} in their cities. Perhaps if
I were there I should feel the same. Still I
hate the colored people ~~more~~ ^{more} than the
hands up starkly to them. Such a hateful
thing to witness and in all cases be
unable to meet such ~~difficulties~~ ^{difficulties}; hearts
hanging to desperation - but I am sorry the
abolitionists have ~~had~~ ^{had} to ~~drank~~ ^{drank} of
this bitter cup. I read the letters with
great interest. It is a very interesting
subject. The South is helped by but
isolated people. The North is helped by but
isolated people. I believe this ~~is~~ ^{is} the reason
I think a Times ever-predominant. I will
send you a letter I wrote to the States of
Ireland, which contains my opinion with
which

I have often been much grieved to see
 spreading alarm in New Haven here for the
 publick tranquillity. There would doubtless
 have been bloody work but for the measures of
 the government. But there is not less
 in the ent. such a country with such interests &
 characters - such nearly uniform cloister &
 religion - & such a liberal way of living than
 it would be difficult to parallel. The ways
 of the people - the poor Catholics - are banished - tho'
 on the upper class of Protestants - the first are
 fanatical in religion - the others in politics, they
 think nobody has any right to talk but themselves
 the majority of them in favor of bounded state,
 & Baptists & Independents & Baptists & Methodists
 of favor generally. I dislike them much more
 than I can into contact with some of them at
 & Rector.

Richard is rubbing on in New Haven to
 find a man have dog.

Eliza has taken the jacket she'd a few
 from Lee Fisher, company in addition to his
 other buttons & it is likely to do well being made
 good articles. But he has her hands full.

There is a post letter in reply to yours. I am
 always truly glad to hear from you. You are
 now almost the only one left of my old batch
 of Abolitionist Correspondents.

With these regards to you all I am
 ever yours affectionately

Richard Thobbs

